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Russell Darr of Westerdale slides into home in a match against Hanna, Saturday. Westerdale pounded its opponent 25-13. In the Mosquito Community Tier II Provincial Championships, Westerdale earned silver. See page 9.



Lagoon funding snub stinks, officials say

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Officials in Didsbury are wracking their brains on how to fund a nine million dollars lagoon project, after having its grant application turned down by government this month.

The town sent a request for dollars to the Canada-Alberta Building Fund to pay for upgrades to the local sewer lagoon.

The first wave of funding announcements happened in May of this year, when \$227 million was doled out to 73 capital and infrastructure projects in communities under 100,000.

Under the Building Canada plan, the federal and provincial government contribute two-thirds of total eligible project costs and municipalities pay for the remaining amount.

"When we didn't get the funding in May, I was told by our MP (Blake Richards) that there were monies still available for projects this summer," said Mayor Brian Wittal.

"I was hopeful, but I was also realistic and I figured we probably didn't stand much of a chance in getting nine million when funds are limited."

He was right - on July 9 the government announced \$80 million for 84 municipal and provincial projects. Didsbury was not one of them.

Alberta Transportation, which was involved in choosing funding recipients, said communities had to be ready to begin work immediately and finish the project in two years.

Didsbury's lagoon project is actually a three-stage \$21-million initiative that would take longer than two years to finish and so it fell short of grant requirements.

The lack of money has put the town in a bind.

"The need is urgent, we are just about maxed out on the capacity of our facilities based on population," Wittal said.

The lagoon has enough room to support 5,000 people and the town is sitting at about 4,700.

"We have to do something here, but we need provincial and federal monies matching us two to one to do this. We don't have the borrowing power for \$9 million," he said.

The town will continue to seek grants to start the first phase of lagoon expansion. In the meantime, they are teaming up with Alberta Environment to find short-term solutions.

"They are giving us ideas on how to extend the life of our current facilities...like dredging out the lagoons," Wittal said.

Brittany Hutton, manager of infrastructure and planning, said the town is also encouraging people to conserve water, since all fluid rushing down the sink, toilet and tub flows into the lagoon. If the overall water consumption is reduced, it could buy the town time and space to store sewage until it can get funding.

Hutton said it's hoped the town will receive funding soon, so expansion can begin in increments, on the lagoon. If things are left to the last minute and there is an emergency need to upgrade, then the town will be going to residents and developers for funds and taxes are likely to spike.

Going to taxpayers for dollars is a scenario the town wants to avoid, she said.

Landowners slap suit on Bonavista

BY MARK LAYCOCK
For the Review

Landowners impacted by chloride contamination from the Bonavista South Elkon Compressor Station are suing the company in excess of \$1.2 million.

Richard Sereda and Georgina Kiraly, who own a 27-acre property immediately south of the gas facility, filed the lawsuit for punitive and exemplary damages against Bonavista Petroleum on July 23.

In a statement of claim submitted to the Court of Queen's Bench in Calgary, the plaintiffs cite a drastic drop in property value and the inability to sell their property as being the primary reason for taking legal action.

The document also states that Bonavista has "ignored their concerns in the face of their knowledge of contamination from the flare pit and remote sump and have, without reason or lawful excuse, consistently denied responsibility for the harm they have cause to the plaintiffs."

Although several other surrounding landowners are affected by the contamination, only Rick and Georgina are filing suit against the company.

The couple has been working with Alberta Environment and Bonavista since 2006 in hopes of preventing chloride contamination—which has been moving south off the plant's property through groundwater since as early as 1994—from reaching their property, but have become increasingly frustrated with the company's lack of communication and action and feel that the entire matter could have been resolved years ago.

Testing done on Mountain View County property, which borders Richard and Georgina's land, shows that the contamination has been moving south of the plant site. The couple says it's only logical that the contamination is on their property and threatens a creek that flows

only 50 metres away from the contamination.

The couple attempted to sell the property in 2008 after subdividing it into two parcels in hopes of moving to Ontario to retire, but took the property off the market after understanding the extent of the contamination at the neighbouring plant and the difficulty associated with selling potentially contaminated land.

Rick says that because they only have two years to file a lawsuit from the time they were aware of the contamination, they essentially had no choice but to file now, or risk receiving no compensation from the company at all.

"It certainly represents a last resort and the question I keep asking is what have we come to in Alberta in this province that a landowner has to resort to this because they can't find any recourse anywhere else when they've been victimized like this? It's the last thing we wanted to do."

"We don't launch lawsuits to make money. We're having to do it because we're at the absolute last resort here."

Rick says that the couple almost feels as though they are being held hostage because of the difficulty associated with selling the property, and because they can't sell the property for what it is really worth.

"We also feel that our whole livelihood is being affected here. We're aging people and we can't stay here and we can't sell the property. It would be unethical for us to try and sell property that is contaminated, and if you tell people it's contaminated, who is going to buy it?"

Landowners with contamination on their lands are required to inform potential buyers of the contamination, and must provide any reports or testing results. Additionally, many banks and mortgage companies won't provide a mortgage to a buyer looking to purchase land that has contamination.

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Surveillance keeps everyone honest, police say

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Allegations, complaints and distrust about the police have given the RCMP in Alberta, including Didsbury, good reason to hook up videos in cellblocks.

One hundred and five detachments will get CCTV cameras, with an estimated 20 going online with the system each year.

"The central point is accountability," said RCMP spokesperson Cpl. Wayne Oakes.

He said there have been "incidental deaths in cellblocks or people who come forward with allegations they were beaten or assaulted while in police custody." In these cases, cameras can be "absolute goldmines." Having activities in the holding bay, cellblock and interview room monitored 24 hours a day can show investigators in the process of an inquiry whether the claims are true.

The Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP (CPC), the watchdog for the organization, said complaints against the police force have increased 35 per cent in the last year. Police physical abuse is one of the top five complaints.

"Things can happen very quickly...and people can't always correctly reconstruct what transpired. A video camera makes it very useful for me to actually know what happened," said Paul Kennedy, chairman of the CPC.

The federal and provincial governments are partnering to

foot the bill for the video technology and installation, but with limited resources they can provide money only as it comes available.

Alberta detachments making high use of their cells will get the dollars first and others, like Didsbury, have to wait anywhere from six months to three years.

It's a wait time the Didsbury detachment wasn't prepared to accept.

Last week Sgt. Jeff Jacobson went cap in hand to town council, asking for nearly \$100,000 to buy 10 video cameras.

The idea is to have the town purchase the equipment and bill the government, to speed up the process of installations.

"This is a minimal cost to the town," said James Reichenbacher, chief financial officer for the Town of Didsbury. "We will only lose the interest on our dollars."

The interest, anywhere from \$100 to \$300, will be taken out of the budget for administration and the town will get its money back from the province in three to four weeks.

Reichenbacher said the council voted unanimously to hand over the funds because it's an "opportunity to support (the RCMP) and their needs and push them up on the priority (list)."

Holes are already drilled in the holding bay, cellblock and cell walls and the machines will be plugged in as early as September.

Sgt. Jacobson said he can't recall the public making any allegations or complaints against local members, but said if they do, the cameras will either help support those claims or protect police.

He said the cameras will also help police safety. People taken to the detachment often start to struggle when they realize they're going to be put in a cell.

"I hope once people know they are being recorded, it de-escalates a lot of situations," he said.

Kennedy said he believes the Alberta-wide camera installations are the result of recommendations he made nearly two years ago after the in-custody death of a 22-year-old mill worker.

Ian Bush was arrested outside a hockey game in Houston, B.C. after he gave Const. Paul Koester a false name. Bush later died from a gunshot wound to the head when he and Koester struggled in an RCMP interview room.

In an inquiry, where Koester was found justified in using deadly force, the CPC made a recommendation that automated closed-circuit cameras be in every RCMP detachment where prisoners are held and released. By law, Kennedy's recommendations are not binding.

"The public is demanding greater assurances to what is going on and here is the best possible record," said Kennedy.

He said it doesn't make sense for some detachments to have excellent recording cameras, while others are still using cassette players. Kennedy sent a report to each solicitor general across Canada to request the provinces hand over funds for modern surveillance.

"If Alberta is doing it, that's excellent. Now I'd like to see the other six provinces where the RCMP are, do this kind of policing."

Pooch survey parked until fall

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Those hankering after an off-leash park will have to wait a little longer to give their vote.

The public was supposed to decide on a pooch park last week, but town management has pushed the release of the survey to September, when residents are back from holiday.

The extra month will give administration time to decide on questions to ask and ways to send surveys to the community.

Of course stalling the survey could put a damper on interest and Luana Smith, manager of legislative services, doesn't want that to happen.

"Since news of the park came out, there has been a lot of buzz; people are really talking about it and we don't want to lose that."

"I may put something out early, like a notice for people to send comments," she said, adding the formal survey asking people if dogs should be unleashed, still won't be released until the fall.

The idea of a pooch park in Memorial Park, Southridge Valley Park or the storm retention pond in Valarosa was given thumbs-up by council on July 14. Before they agree to anything, however, they want the public to weigh in.

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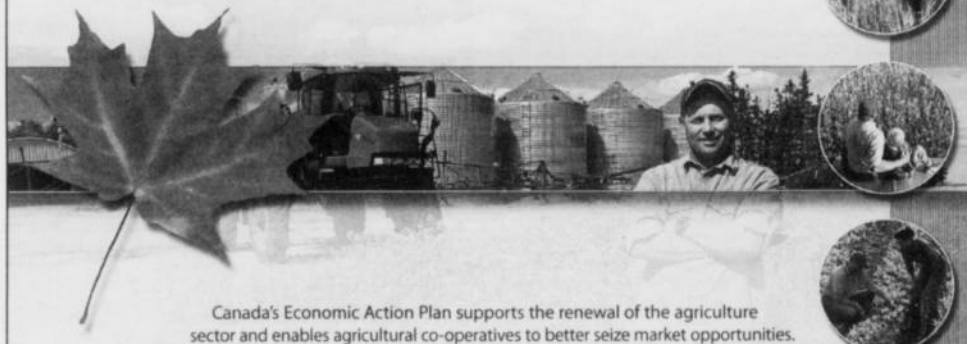
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School closures for H1N1 unlikely

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Local parent Karen Rothenbusch, can't imagine Ross Ford Elementary closing its doors to students this fall to slow the spread of H1N1 influenza.

"It wouldn't make sense. Whether the kids go to school in September, October or November, they are eventually going to get together," she said.

Before the school considers locking its doors, it should focus on stringent preventive measures, such as making sure there's soap in dispensers for students to wash up, Rothenbusch said.

She herself is a big believer in doing what you can to prevent the flu, although she doesn't worry overmuch about her kids contracting the strain.

"I am not too worried about it. I will deal with (the flu) when it comes, but I can't live in fear; it'd stress me right out."

Last week, the World Health Organization announced the flu is "unstoppable" and national health authorities may want to consider closing down schools in September to slow the spread.

The Lancet, a medical publication, weighed in on closing schools during the pandemic and suggested the move could cut infection rates as much as 40 per cent at the outbreak peak because of the role children play in transmitting the dis-

ease.

The report said of the world's 39,620 confirmed H1N1 cases, 60 per cent of those were youth 18 years and younger.

As a result of the Lancet study and WHO warning, France is preparing to shut down schools and Muslim nations of Jordan and Egypt are warning pregnant women not to attend the hajj.

"The issue becomes, where will kids go if there is no school? They'll be in malls or babysat by grandparents and the flu will still spread."

ANDRE CORRIVEAU
chief medical officer of health for Alberta

H1N1 flu has killed more than 700 worldwide since emerging in April, including four people in Alberta. Three deaths have occurred since June. In July, Alberta Health and Wellness reports 1,533 confirmed cases of influenza with 13 new cases in Calgary and area and three in Central Alberta.

"I think we all have to be concerned about it because there will be further spread," said Andre

Corriveau, chief medical officer of health for Alberta.

"Parents need to anticipate what to do if their kids get sick or they themselves get sick."

Corriveau said the provincial health authority isn't anticipating large-scale school closures or the shutdown of summer events to delay the flu, but they are not ruling any options out either.

The province is keeping an eye on the pandemic and has seen only sporadic cases in children, so he said shutting down schools province-wide isn't practical.

"The issue becomes, where will kids go if there is no school? They'll be in malls or babysat by grandparents and the flu will still spread," Corriveau said.

"(Shutting schools) would also be a social disruption with parents having to leave work and that can...compound into other problems with the economy."

He said schools are actually 'good settings' for children to get the flu, because they are monitored, isolated if they are sick and sent home to parents.

Ultimately, it will be up to Chinook's Edge whether students get an extended holiday.

Jim Gibbons, superintendent for Chinook's Edge, doesn't foresee widespread closures this September, although like Alberta Health and Wellness, he isn't ruling

anything out.

Schools in Mountain View County haven't yet had a confirmed case of H1N1 and wouldn't close down if one child got sick. If there is an outbreak, however, the district has every "right to close schools."

The school division is going to be watching students this September and will continue to implement its pandemic plan.

"The biggest thing is precautionary measures, like instructing students about handwashing and flu etiquette because we know this is spread by human contact," Gibbons said.

He said Chinook's Edge is working closely with the local health authority to prepare for a possible fall flu flare-up and said schools will be "very safe places" for students to come back to.

Still, the superintendent said he's quite concerned about the lack of a vaccine for returning youth.

"If you look at the flu in the past generally speaking, they come back in the fall with a vengeance," he said.

"We hope to get (a vaccine) to our students and have immunization sites in conjunction with the health authority."

Alberta Health and Wellness says a vaccine, the ultimate protection, will be moving through medical trials in the next few months and if approved according to plan, vaccinations will be available in early November.

Didsbury good on garbage

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Despite some trash talk about garbage enforcement and the closed lid policy, residents are following through on waste reduction.

Since green carts were introduced in 2007 to cut back on organic waste, the Mountain View Regional Waste Commission has "absolutely seen a drop in solid waste going to the Didsbury landfill."

Neil Kivell, chief administrative officer for the commission said he used to see garbage bins overflowing, with cats and crows picking through the scraps. On closer inspection, he said he noticed the majority of the material hauled out for

pickup was cardboard, newspaper, tin cans and vegetables.

"Forty per cent of our waste at the landfill was organic," he said. "Eighteen per cent of our waste was recycled."

In 2006 Didsbury city workers lugged 1,155 metric tonnes of garbage to the local landfill. When the green bins were doled out to residents, Didsbury was able to divert 310 tonnes to Olds College for composting and 1,080 metric tonnes to the landfill. The next year, the amount of compost jumped to 364 tonnes and the waste slimmed down to 852.

The waste commission hopes to eventually recycle 80 per cent of waste.

Jason Brander says it's good news that the pro-

gram is working.

He too noticed recyclables being tossed and bins heaping with junk and thought it important the town take a tough stance on reduction.

The town has had a closed lid bylaw since 2004 but only started steadily enforcing it when residents got their organic waste bins. If the lid on the can is up, even if it's perched three fingers from the rim, the bin is tagged. Last year, the town fined seven residents for repeatedly leaving lids open. Fines range anywhere from \$50 to \$225. In 2009, the town has gone on tagging blitzes, but no one has gotten anything other than warnings.

"It's tedious for a guy to go around and tag bins, but whose fault is that? People

need to take responsibility on their own to recycle and compost. If the lids are down we won't send anyone around," Brander said.

The town is still bearing the brunt of complaints about tags and fines, but maintain the measures are necessary to force people to reduce waste.

"If people aren't forced to do it, they won't do it. That shouldn't be the case, but it is," Brander said.



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Opinion

Commentary Drunk driving laws under fire

DAN SINGLETON



A new national study has found that more and more accused drunk drivers are fighting their cases and winning reduced sentences as a result. The results point to the need for governments to toughen

up existing laws and to provide more prosecution resources.

The Ottawa Traffic Injury Research Foundation study found a combination of overworked prosecutors and competing legal, scientific and constitutional issues is prompting more accused persons to fight out their cases in court.

Nationally, 40 per cent of people charged with impaired driving now choose to go to trial, a marked increase over past years.

And once they go to trial the chances of an accused person being convicted are now only slightly more than 50 per cent, compared with 90 per cent a decade ago.

There are two principal reasons for the change, Robyn Robertson, president of the foundation, reportedly said.

"First, given the mandatory penalties and provincial consequences of conviction, Crown prosecutors have limited latitude on sentencing submissions and are less able, and maybe less willing, to negotiate pleas involving, for example, no jail time or reduced licence suspensions.

"Second, defence lawyers know they have a good shot at getting an acquittal at trial by raising constitutional challenges."

More than 1,000 prosecutors and defence lawyers were questioned for the survey.

For many, many years anti-drunk driving groups such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving have spent countless hours and millions of dollars trying to make highways, streets and roads safe from the scourge of drunk driving.

Yet despite the tireless efforts, hundreds and hundreds of people continue to die terrible deaths or suffer horrific injuries at the hands of impaired drivers.

And now this new research seems to indicate that more and more accused drunk drivers are walking away from the punishment they deserve – and not because they are innocent, but because they are using loopholes in the laws or taking advantage of an overtaxed prosecution system.

Ask any firefighter or EMS worker or RCMP officer or news photographer in West Central Alberta what an alcohol-fueled fatal motor vehicle accident looks like and they will tell you that it can be a very, very ugly thing.

And ask those same people what they think about drunk drivers hiding behind the law and words like 'sickening' and 'wrong' and other much more colourful phrases are sure to be part of the response.

Drunk drivers are getting away with murder because the laws are inadequate and the prosecution system is overtaxed. MPs and MLAs need to face those hard facts and start doing more to put things right.



Letters to the editor Stop making us take flyers

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J. Fournier
Didsbury

Dismayed by garbage can vandalism, outright sickened by tossed mail

After going to pick up my mail at the post office this past week, I felt I must write regarding the appalling conditions. As we all know, the post office has been kind enough to place garbage cans near the mailboxes to collect our unwanted mail for quite some time now. It is my understanding that they even arrange for this unwanted mail to be taken for recycling. I was dismayed to find that these garbage cans have been removed due to repeated acts of vandalism. Although this vandalism is an issue in and of itself, it is not the one I am writing about today. What really

shocked, disappointed and outright sickened me were the repeated acts of the citizens of Didsbury. Completely ignoring the signs posted all around the post office, which politely ask us to take our mail home, several of you have decided to simply throw your unwanted mail on the floor, on in the case of the boxes outside, on the ground. This is quite frankly unacceptable behaviour. It is not the job of the people at the post office to pick up after you. Nor is it the job of other citizens to have to pick up the mail that will spread throughout the town every time the

wind blows. One would presume that you would not throw the same mail on the floor of your living room, so why is it acceptable in a public location? You should all be ashamed of yourselves. Please learn from the lessons that we strive to teach our children – and pick up after yourselves! If you do not want flyers, request that they not be put in your mailbox. If there is anything else unwanted, the recycling centre is not that far away. A little consideration is all that is asked.

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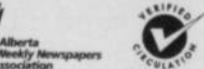
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Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.
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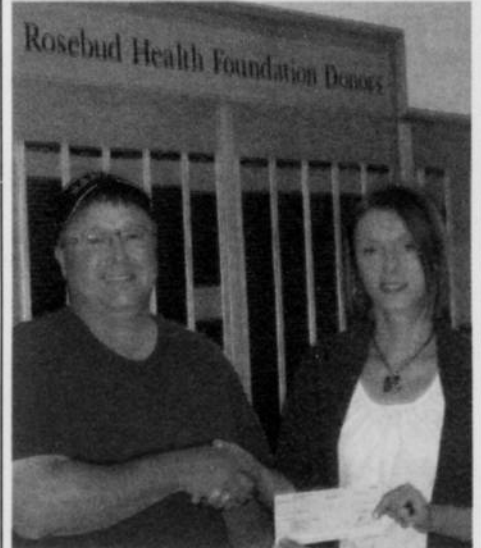


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HAVE A HEART - Jamey Eslinger of TransCanada presents Debby Pelletier, Rosebud Health Foundation chair, with a \$2,000 donation in support of the 8th Annual Charity Golf Fundraiser. Money raised from this event will go towards the purchase of an updated ECG cart for the Didsbury hospital.

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A 25-year-old woman from the Didsbury area, transported by STARS July 17 after a car accident, is still in the Foothills Medical Centre. The RCMP say she is still facing serious injuries but is in stable condition. The accident happened on Westcott Road, southwest of Didsbury when the driver lost control and rolled into a ditch. The woman was the only occupant and suffered head and back injuries.

A motorbike was stolen shortly after it was hauled into a local tow yard by the sheriff department. The RCMP said the lock to the impound yard was cut and the bike taken sometime during the evening of July 19.

The RCMP is warning against the dangers of shoot-

Police briefs

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

ing rural road signs. On July 20, a sign west of Didsbury near Highway 582 was shot. It's not the first time holes have appeared in local road markers.

"It happens quite often, but the concern is for people's safety if they are near the sign when it's being shot at," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

He said this sign was shot at near a working facility and posed some danger to employees there.

Those who shoot at road signs can be charged with

mischief and misuse of firearms.

Quick action likely prevented a home in Didsbury from being broken into on July 22. At 3 a.m., a suspect entered a yard in town and was on the back deck when the homeowner heard a noise. He turned on the light and called the police and the suspect fled.

Someone in Didsbury is painting swastikas on local buildings. A swastika and the initials D.N.P. were sprayed on the side of the thrift store sometime between 7 p.m. July 17 and 8 a.m. July 18. Another swastika with the same initials was painted on two buildings at the Didsbury Golf Course. Police have no suspects.

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Golfer golden in final competition

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Muriel Hoeft, a veteran of the 55 plus summer games and six-time gold winner, went out with bling last weekend.

In the 2009 games in Airdrie, the 80-year-old Didsbury resident took home the gold in women's golf for the over 75 category. It will be the last medal the retiring competitor plans to collect.

"It was a surprise, I wasn't expecting to win because I am getting older and coming to the end of my limits," she said.

"Someone told me to go out with a bang and I guess I did."

This was Hoeft's 10th year contending in the 55 plus Alberta Summer Games. She's competed in everything from bowling and golf to arts and crafts; winning a total of six gold medals, three silvers and one bronze. She has also tested her mettle in the Canada 55 plus Games, where she won one silver medal and three gold.

"I think I've done enough now," she said.

The local golfer has no secret to winning. She said when it comes to the game, she aims to hit straight and putt well.

Though this last tournament, the putting was a challenge.

"Nobody could putt. The greens were so fast with the slope, we had more putts than we should have," she said of herself and seven other competitors.

"We had a real hard time, but I guess I happened to get a few good ones in."

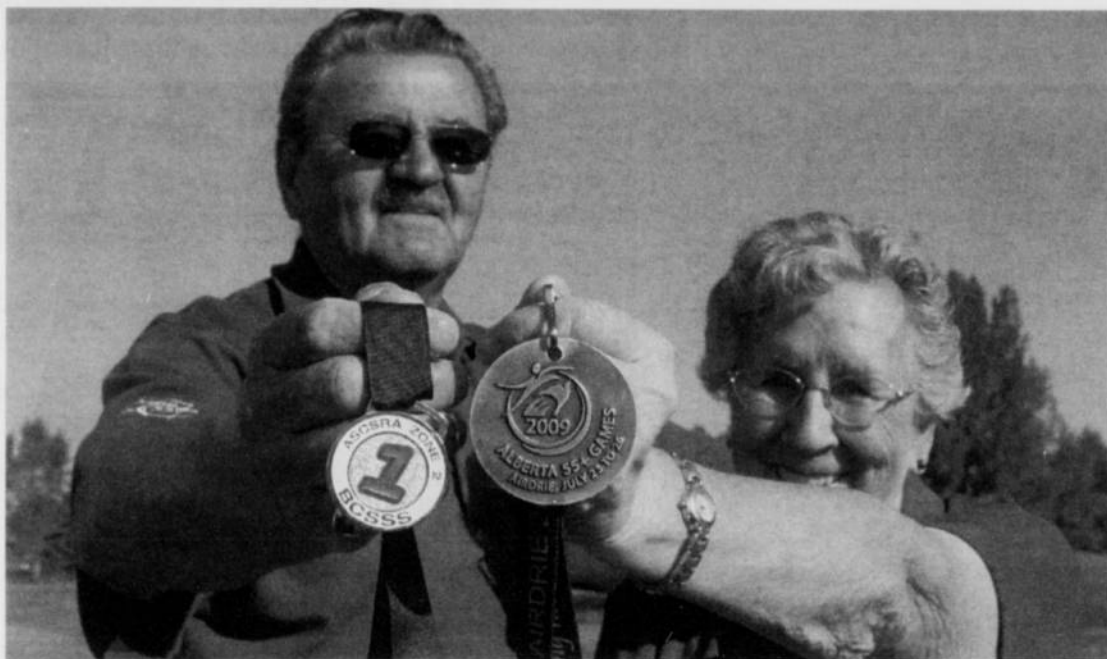
She said it could have been her drives that clinched her win, since her putts were a little weak.

"I won by five strokes. Two tied behind me for second and third," she said.

Her score was 203.

Hoeft wasn't the only Didsbury resident who packed off to the games, Friday. Douglas Bruce placed fourth in the over 65 golf category with a 148 score.

"I had a really good time there. I met some great people and I had a good group to golf with," he said.



IT'S ALL ABOUT THE SWING - Didsbury golfers, Muriel Hoeft and Douglas Bruce, packed off to the 55 Plus Alberta Summer Games last weekend. Hoeft brought home a gold medal for a 203 score in the over 75 golf category and Bruce placed fourth with 148 in the men's 65 and over tournament.

Bruce is not at all worried about his placing turning him off golf. He's been swinging clubs since the 1980s and said good days and bad days are part of the game.

He definitely plans on pulling out his gear for a second round, when the 55 plus games happen again.

Another local who took part in the games was Adeline Fedyk, who won gold for cycling 10 kilometres with a 2:16 time. For the local slopitch players, Louis Pride came in sixth for the over 75 slopitch category; Jim Wilson came in fourth for over

65, and his wife Beverley placed sixth in the co-ed category.

It was the Wilson couple's first time at the games and they both plan on giving it another shot.

"It was my first experience and I think I'd do it again...it depends if my body will do it," said Mr. Wilson, who plays for the Olds Alberta Clippers.

It was his wife's first time on the diamond in seven years. She was called in to fill the required men and women ratio for the co-ed slopitch game.

Although she was on the bench most of

the time, she said she still enjoyed the experience.

"You meet people from all over Alberta. We actually ran into people we haven't seen in 10 or 20 years," she said.

Nearly 1,200 participants from across Alberta flocked to Airdrie over the weekend to compete in the Olympic style games. There was a mixture of team and individual competitions in events like bridge, track and field, darts and bocce ball. The games are staged every two years, with the next being held in Fairview, near Grande Prairie, in July 2011.

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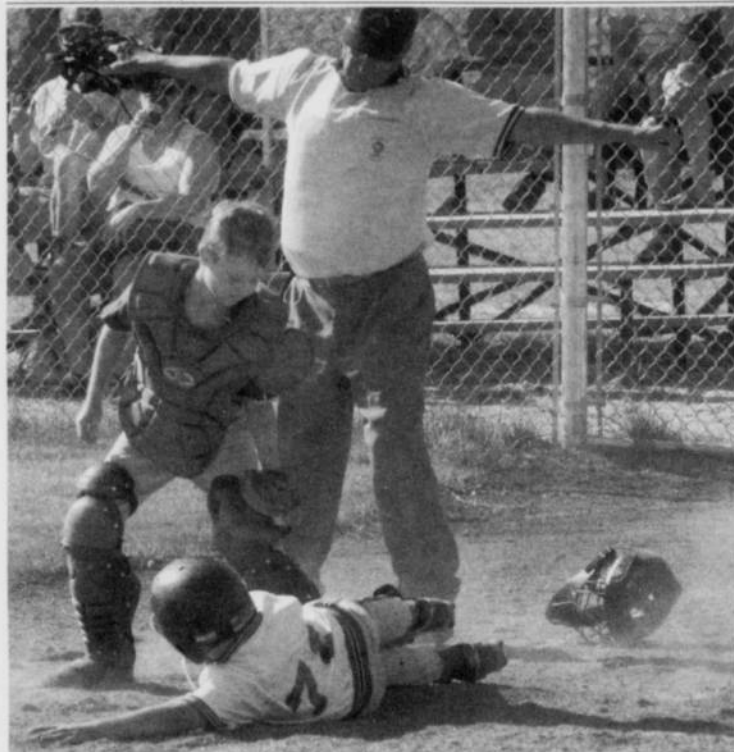
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Sox snag silver in provincials

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

The audience was howling louder than the athletes as the pitcher wound up to throw.

"Come on! You can do it, bud. Strike him out."

It was the last inning in the Mosquito Community Tier II provincials in Memorial Park and Westerdale and Taber were neck and neck.

The bases were loaded. The pitcher had two outs; one more and the team would be taking home the gold.

He let the ball fly.

"We knew we were in tough going into the last game; and it was a question of walking them in or having them hit it in," said Ed Krebs, coach for Westerdale.

In the last inning, Taber walked in.

Krebs said a lot of pressure was riding on the shoulders of the 10-year-old pitcher and the athlete and his teammates were disappointed at such a narrow defeat.

"I am very proud of them all. It was a close game," he said.

In the three-day tournament, Westerdale played strong ball. They were badly beaten by Taber 18-1 in the round robin kickoff, Friday, but bounced back with a 9-7 win against Sherwood Park. The team pounded Hanna 25-13 and advanced to semifinals. Sherwood Park left Saturday after

losing all three games.

In the provincial championship tiebreaker Sunday, Westerdale again faced Hanna in what Krebs calls "a tough game." Still, the team won 8-4 to square off against Taber in the last tournament of the season.

Taber, who was leading in first, was pummeled early in the game. Whenever they got a run, Westerdale shut them down. It wasn't until the last inning that Taber got two points, clinching the win 8-7 and earning Westerdale the title of Alberta's second best mosquito tier II team.

"(The boys) played so hard, it was a good experience for them," Krebs said.

This was the first time a baseball tournament was held in Memorial Park and organizers say the diamonds are great.

There were a few comments over the weekend about the need for water taps, dugout shelters and electrical outlets, but wherever extras were required, parents stepped up to the plate. Volunteers made makeshift huts to meet Baseball Alberta standards, used hoses to water down dusty diamonds and filled water coolers.

"This really came through with parent volunteers," said Kim Visser, who helped put the tournament together. "They made this happen."

She said athletes' parents had a week to get ready for the ball game, after applying for Didsbury to host the championships.

Football camp called off

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

The University of Calgary Dinos are staying on their own turf, after a training camp and scouting exercise was cancelled last week.

On August 8, seven varsity players and head coach, Blake Nill, planned to give pointers to football athletes ages five and up in Didsbury, but with only two people registered, the event was cancelled.

It would have been the first time the Dinos held a training camp in this community.

"We run these camps in hopes kids get excited about the game. I am not sure what happened in Didsbury, but maybe we'll be back next year," Nill said.

He said the team was also excited to "dig through the bushes to find young athletes who'll eventually play football" for the Calgary team.

Byron Sayer, manager of parks and recreation, was surprised so few signed up. Nill is a big deal in varsity football.

Before he joined the Calgary Dinos in 2006, Nill brought the Saint Mary's University Huskies in Halifax a Vanier Cup

win in 2001 and six consecutive Atlantic Sport Championships.

Nill has also served as a guest coach with the Calgary Stampede, Ottawa Renegades and Edmonton Eskimos and a member of the coaching staff for the Calgary Under 19 team at the Global World Football Challenge.

"He is one of the best college coaches in Canada," Sayer said.

"I wonder if sometimes these summer events go big or not at all; and it's hard to market this when everyone is out of school."

Didsbury Dragons general manager, Duke Moreau, said he would have liked to put his team in the training camp, but he didn't realize there was a deadline for sign up.

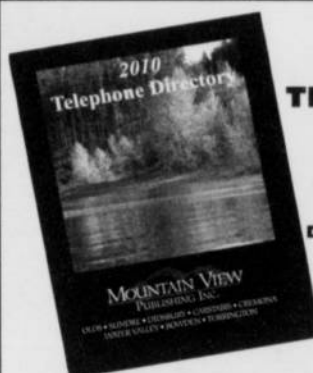
"I guess I didn't pay much attention to it," he said.

The Dragons are just gearing up this summer for the football season and he said it would have been a good opportunity for them to develop their skills.

"I think we would have used it if the camp was the last week of August, because we are just starting this month and people are on holidays," Moreau said.

YOU'RE...SAFE! Westerdale player Brock Krebs slides into home during the provincial championship round robin against Sherwood Park, Saturday. Westerdale won 9-7.

By Tamara Cunningham / Didsbury Review



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Didsbury residents compete in death race

Didsbury athletes are gearing up for the race from hell.

Tom Hadway and Mark Leggette will be heading to Grande Cache August 1 - 3 to compete in the annual Canada Death Race, a 125-kilometer all terrain extreme endurance run.

They won't be going alone. The duo is part of True Grit, a men's team that also features Olds residents Jim Crawford, Lorne Petersen and Marlin Redpath.

Also to head to the event is the team Half-Whits: the Remix, which features Olds locals Chris and Suzy Whitty. Sharon Whitty of St. Catherines, Ont. and Irene Nikolopoulos and Dale Tuck of Grande Cache will join them.

Olds resident Rose Heack will be racing in the individual run for the women's 40 - 49 division.

Carstairs seniors bring home medals

Carstairs and Cremona athletes didn't come home empty-handed from

this year's Alberta 55 Plus Summer Games.

This year's big winner is Adeline Fedyk of Cremona, who struck gold in the women's time predicted 10 kilometre cycling event. Adeline finished with a final time of 2:16:0.

"I was quite happy to get the gold," she says. "Actually, the course was quite level and wasn't like what I've been riding on out here with the hills."

Adeline and her husband Bill both competed in the cycling event, but due to a last-minute cold, Bill wasn't able to perform as well as he had hoped. Instead of competing in the 20 km event,

he opted for the 10 km race. Despite his illness, Bill still placed well, finishing in fifth place with a time of 20:25.

Adeline says there was certainly some stiff competition and notes that it's amazing what some competitors can do, even as some of them head well into their 80s and 90s.

"There are some very experienced riders in the 10 km and the 20 km (events) like the one gentleman who won the gold medal has won the gold since 1994."

This is the first year the couple has participated in the cycling event, and after this year's experi-

ence Adeline says it may not be their last.

Carstairs slopitch players take bronze

Bill Dallas and Vernon Pedersen are this year's Carstairs medal winners. Both players brought home a bronze medal in the 55 plus slopitch event.

Two other Carstairs players participated in the games but did not claim a medal spot. Dennis Larsen competed in the 65 plus event and placed fourth, while Paul Sparling finished in sixth place in the 55 plus co-ed event.

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 who passed away July 26, 2000
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 And her hands we cannot touch,
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 Of the one we love so much.
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